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THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

A General Summary of the Doctrines and Principles of the Religio-Science.

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The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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Gathering into Bundles for the Burning.

Unmistakable Evidences of the Time of the End; Pointers on the Face of the Cosmic Dial; Wheat and Tares in Bundles; the Restoration of Communism.

KORESH.

ALL PERIODS OF TIME return in cycles governed by the movements of the astronomical orbits and precessions. As an illustration of the precessional circuits, the sun in his precessional cycle may be taken as a special example. There are twelve cycles of the precessional transit during the Zodiacal period, in which there are twelve partial returns of conditions which mark each terminal of the twelve months of the sun's precessional year. It will be remembered that the planets are subject to the same laws of precession that govern the sun in his twenty-four-thousand-year transit around the Zodiacal circuit. The sun, moon, and planets constitute the hands upon the dial plate of the great time-piece of universal chronometry. The ancients understood this fact when they declared that the sun, moon, and stars were placed in the heavens for signs, for seasons, for days, and for years, and to give light to the earth.

The length of any dispensation in those changes which mark the careers of a regenerating progression, as in the Abrahamic or Christian limitation of chronological extension, and the time of the fruition of either of these cycles, must inevitably be determined through a knowledge of the entire clock-work of chronometrical computation. The Christian dispensation began and will end according to the time-markings of the great clock of universal and eternal time measurement. To the scientist who can and does read this chronometer is given the key which unlocks the door to the mysteries and secrets of the Eternal; and he is the only duly authorized expositor of the mysteries of immortality—

the door to the altitudes of eternal life into which immortality leads.

We have reached the limit of the Christian dispensation, according to the chronometer which the Eternal has set in the heavens for the observation of him who can read its secrets and predict for the world the period for the ripening of the divine fruition, and for the commission which shall determine the time for the gathering of the tares into bundles, to be burned as the veritable precursor of the wheat harvest which is to fulfil the Christian period. Every Bible student is familiar with the Lord's parable regarding the wheat and the tares, but not so familiar with its true interpretation. The good seed was sown in the beginning of the Christian dispensation. While men slept, that is, during the dark ages of the Christian period, the enemy came and sowed the tares. The wheat was sown through the immaculate and unsensual operation of the Holy Spirit; but after the fall of the church into the dark and unholy period of church history, sensualism came into the church, the Spirit of Christ (the Holy Spirit) was prostituted, and the Christ was crucified in Sodom and Egypt, where it is declared the two Witnesses lay dead in the street of the great city, where also our Lord was crucified. The Lord said, "I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me, beareth witness of me." These are the "two witnesses;" and as the two witnesses, the Father and the Son, one dwelling in the other, is the Lord himself, it follows that the Lord lay dead in the street of the great city; namely, the church, from which he arises at the ap-

pointed time and place to rebuild Jerusalem. The time for the resurrection of the two Witnesses, that is, the Lord, is the indication for the gathering of the tares.

The actual blood of the Christ which was shed for the world, is not that blood which was poured upon the ground when the Roman guard penetrated his heart with the desecrating spear; for that was but a type of the real shedding of the blood which is to cleanse the race from its sensual corruption, and to transform this corruptible to incorruptibility, and this mortal to immortality. The flesh and blood of the Christ will redeem the world, but only through its appropriation. "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; [when?] and I will raise him up at the last day," signifying the end of the Christian dispensation. It is the life of the Christ poured into the race which, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, determines the efficacy of the Savior's redeeming blood. The blood of Christ cleanses from all sin. This is not only Scriptural, it is as truly scientific. But this blood had to be taken into the race by absorption to avail; and therefore the Lord declared that his flesh should be eaten and his blood be drunk, to insure its salutary effects in the salvation of the race and the resurrection from the dead.

We have come now to the time for the collection of the tares. The tares constitute the wicked, who are to be burned in the coming great conflagration. This is the burning up of the world which has been predicted as the consummation of the cosmos; that is, the world or order which marks the Christian dispensation. The end of the world is the end of the special dispensation from the year one to the final year of the ending of the Christian era. The tares cannot be pulled out of the field without the pulling up of the wheat; therefore, they were to be left together until the harvest, that when the harvest was ripe the tares should be gathered for the conflagration. Now, what shall constitute the bundles into which the tares are bound? The tares are the wicked; do not forget to confess and acknowledge this truth, and also that none are good, no, not one; and that every man and woman is numbered with this multitude born in sin and shapen in iniquity. The time now is, when all men who are to be saved must first confess the fact that they are in their sins; that they are in the state of corruptibility and mortality. Those in the state of such confession are amenable to the reapers who will be sent forth to gather the tares.

The good seed are the children of the kingdom; the field is the world, that is, the church, and the harvest is the end of the world, cosmos or order; that is, the end of the Christian dispensation and of the Christian church. It being the time of the end, as shown by the transition of the Sign in the physical heavens, the Sign Aries or lamb is passing from the constellation Pisces

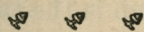
into the constellation Aquarius, water-carrier; that is from the philosophic into the scientific dispensation. The reason the dispensation into which we are entering is scientifically indicated by the Sign in Aquarius, is because Aquarius is the water-carrier; and as water is the universal solvent, it is made the symbol of scientificity. It is Aquarius, the Water-carrier, as the man of science who inaugurates the beginning of the Aquarian *aión* and its concomitant order or cosmos. The tares, then, are the wicked,—those who are in a state to confess their sins, and in the state of the acknowledgment of their wickedness and a desire to be gathered into bundles to be burned. The gathering into bundles to be burned is the gathering into groups according to the injunction: "Gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops." "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." The day is coming, and as it is seen to approach, the injunction is to gather into harmonious groups.

The beginning of the Christian era was characterized by the communism of the church; the end of the same era will be characterized by a corresponding relationship of the body of the Christ. The new church, the fruit of the old, passing dispensation, will be gathered into bundles through the instrumentality of the reapers, and the final step toward the manifestation of the Sons of God will be the conflagration which burns the bundles of tares that have aggregated for the purpose of being burned. This is a dematerialization which all who love the Lord will hope for, as the immediate results of the aggregation or the gathering of the tares. These groups or bundles, bound together by the ties of a new religious aspiration, will constitute societies that will recognize one Head, one Messiah, who is the authorized Messenger of the covenant or conjunction between God and man, which the burning of the tares will effect.

Communitistic societies—thoroughly organized into organic and united life, and subject to one Head—will comprise the empire which will precede the kingdom to be inaugurated immediately after the conflagration. In the final kingdom to come, every man will be a king and a priest of his household unto God. The establishment of the order of Melchizedek, the order of the Kings, the Sons of God, is the divine Anarchy, of which the false anarchy now agitating some parts of the world is the reflection and antithet. Every man in the kingdom of righteousness will be a law unto himself, because he has risen above his relation to law, into the phase of the covenant relation.

It should be understood by every student of the Koreshan System, that there is no redemption into immortality, and thence into eternal life, but through the gathering into bundles as portrayed through the para-

ble of the wheat and the tares. To such as wish to be regarded as belonging to the fruition of the new dispensation, let me emphatically enunciate the truth that none will be saved who are not willing to be redeemed through the divine methods and processes; and that the one effective means of salvation is the aggregation into the system of United Life as promulgated by the Koreshan Universology. Salvation cannot be insured to those not willing to be gathered as tares into the bundles which are to be gathered by the reapers sent forth by the Messenger of the Covenant, at the end of the now culminating order. Now will the old church and state be destroyed; now will be inaugurated the beginning of the new heavens and the new earth; namely, the new church and the new state.



THE LAW OF PARTHENOGENESIS.

The Obvious Blunders of So Called Scientists; Virginal Propagation a Law Operative; the Immaculate Conception.

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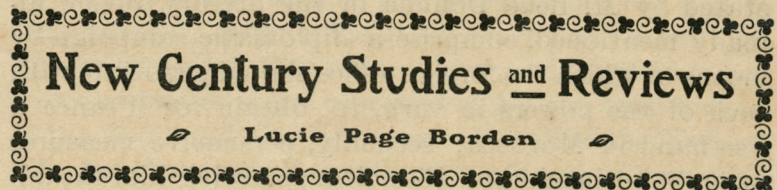
THE LORD COULD NOT HAVE COME into the world except through the law of parthenogenesis or virginal propagation. Of course, the men of "science" will declare that there is no truth in the claims made of the immaculate conception of the Lord, for it is contrary to the laws of natural order. Are the men to be believed who are in pursuit of the very first evidences of the source of the life of the universe, to say nothing of the ignorance prevailing with men of "science" regarding human existence itself? There is a law of parthenogenesis, whether the scientific world recognizes it or not. The operation of such a law is responsible for the advent of the Son of God into his Arch-natural existence.

Why should any man confide in the declarations of what is denominated "science," when every "scientific" dogma in the past has been subject to disapproval, denunciation, and finally rejection, by the same class of "scientists" who formulated and enunciated the previously accepted formulas and dogmas? It was prophetically enunciated that there would come a virgin who would bring forth a child to be the Messianic character of the coming age. When the time was ripe according to prophetic chronology, there came the Virgin to whom it was declared: "That holy thing that shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

The question of virginal propagation has been extensively discussed in the literature of the Guiding Star Publishing House. If the reader of this article wishes further information than that defined in the present writing, the Koreshan literature will furnish it. We are not now arguing the question of parthenogenesis, but simply stating facts as revealed in the science of Koreshan Universology. All through the ages there

have been virginal orders, even before the disclosure of the Christian era. The purpose for which these orders have been perpetuated through the previous ages of the world, is for the conservation of the sex potency of virginal life, to be heaped up for the impulse of the succeeding dispensation. This principle cannot be understood except through an understanding of the great fact that the most subtle essences of creation are as substantial as the grosser things of being, which appeal to the tangible sense.

The mental force of affection (called love) is a substance. It can be restrained, and its potency directed and utilized. For this reason the orders of chastity with virgins, and celibacy with men have been organized and perpetuated that the race might be preserved from utter annihilation. If there were no laws of the restraint of sex potency, the race would merge more and more into the vices of sensual generation, and race suicide would inevitably be the disastrous result. The preservation of the race from utter depravity and annihilation is in the institution of the orders of restraint, by which the world is rendered chaste. Not only did the Lord come by virtue of the psychic overshadowing of the invisible Godhead, but the virginal and immaculate conception of the Lord communicates itself to his children; and as many as would become worthy to be the Sons of God, and to obtain that world to follow the Christian dispensation and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are they given in marriage. This is according to the declaration of the Lord God while in the flesh.



New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The Endeavor to Settle the Franco-German Difficulty; Patching up the Peace of Europe; Roosevelt and the Senate.

THE INTEREST of the diplomatic world centers in Algeiras, a little Spanish town where representatives of all the great powers are now convened to settle a question which has begun to be very perplexing in Europe. It relates to the conduct of affairs in Morocco; but behind this apparently simple problem there are other considerations immediately involving the balance of power in Europe. It is easy to state the object of this conference, not so easy to disentangle the complicated interests involved. It is clear that more depends upon this meeting than appears upon the outside, when a French writer in the *Revue des Deux Mondes* goes so far as to say that the incidents growing out of this question threaten the peace of Europe, so great is the venom aroused.

The President of the United States was invited to

name delegates to this conference, and apropos of his action, a violent debate took place in the Senate upon the propriety of limiting the functions of these delegates to the discussion of commercial questions so as to prevent any unpleasantness. It has been thought that the President was inclined to let the executive functions encroach upon the senatorial; but the gentleman who requested the Senate to restrict the functions of the delegates, was forcibly reminded that he was trying to encroach upon the executive functions. The debate has served to turn the scale in favor of the President, and to remand to him the constitutional right to forward his own instructions to the representatives he has chosen. The senatorial functions seem to be to find as much fault as possible with the executive head. Perhaps this is one reason why the President is looking forward, so the papers tell us, to hunting big game and shooting a tiger (not the Tammany tiger) in Africa as soon as he is a free citizen.

The International Conference means a great deal to this country, if its interests are properly handled in the face of European politics. The open door and free rights to all the powers is the aim in view. Now, in regard to the delicate questions involved in the policing of Morocco by France, it would seem that her desire is to attempt to win by conciliation. That this question means a distinct crisis in European affairs, may be seen by the invitation to all the powers to share in the deliberations at Algeciras. Some alarmists have expressed great fears lest a rupture might ensue in the *entente cordiale* between the United States and both the supremely interested nations.

The three objects that France has had in view, as stated by M. René Doumic in the literary review already mentioned, comprise a diplomatic campaign by means of which the foreign office should negotiate with each of the powers in turn, to obtain for France a free hand in Morocco; secondly, persuasive measures brought to bear upon the sultan, showing him the advantages of French supremacy and leading him to consent to the participation of France in the government of his empire; thirdly, the policy of France included the progressive transformation of Morocco into a modern state through the development of its activities by France in concert with the sultan's government. It was a fine program, but, alas! there is a watchful eye over France, and devise whatsoever she may, the watcher on the Rhine is ready to tap her on the shoulder with a "Halte-lá."

As M. Doumic observes, the consent, at least the tacit approval, of Germany has always been necessary in forming her extra-European states and developing her colonial empire along the Mediterranean. France had concluded an agreement with England in 1904, and also with Spain, nor had she neglected to treat with Italy, agreeing not to frustrate Italy's designs in Tripoli; but Germany is harder to manage when it comes to the question of the supremacy of France over any country. Count von Bülow has defined the empire of his country to be, not merely territorial, but commercial and moral,

so that no great event can take place in the world without some expression of opinion, some intervention on the part of Germany. In neglecting to assure herself of the consent of Germany, France was laying up trouble for the future. The result has been an international conference at a tardy hour, to avoid if possible the prospect of a war.

The object of Germany is evidently to defeat France and prevent her from absorbing Morocco as she absorbed Tunis, by placing this territory under international supervision. The sultan is to be moulded to the emperor's will. To avoid offending either France, who counts upon the United States as her ally, or Germany, who is on friendly terms with us; to secure the best commercial rights for the expansion of our industries in the East, and to prevent disagreements if possible among the powers—such is the task, by no means easy, set before the representatives of this country at Algeciras.

The peace of Europe is too much like a boulder poised delicately on a beetling crag, where the lightest jar may send it toppling into an abyss. There has been a tacit understanding that the sultan should not be molested in his dominions; but he does not keep any agreements, and predatory bands of Moslems have made it absolutely necessary to police the Algerian frontier. France must have protection at this point. This is one reason that has brought matters to a crisis. The question to be settled should be, who will keep the sultan in order?

General Contributions

THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE DIVINE FAMILY.

The Principle of Tribal Groupings Shown in the Constellations
Abraham's Great System of Ethnology.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

THE LOVE OF KINDRED, tribe, and tongue is a precious, sacred thing in the estimation of every scion of a noble house. The delights of scientific anticipation of restored divinely instituted tribal relationships, inclusive of the eternal family ties, are among the consolations offered by Koreshanity to the bereaved. This all-comprehensive sphere of outermost mortality of which we are a part, is today a world of warring factions and death-riven families.

Wandering stars of mortality, lost to all knowledge of their original planetary groupings and stellar relations, oft find their mental reflections dark and clouded with shades ill-defined and hopelessly depressing. Among the ignorant, as to divine origin and destiny, there is a vulgar scrabble for conspicuous social position to be attained at any cost. The notorious prize-winner necessarily holds his own in fear and trembling, fearful because of the illegitimacy and insecurity of his foundation right and title to honors above

his fellows. Fallacious riches take wings, and houses on the sands disappear in the teeth of ill winds.

The knowledge of the imminent descent of the New Jerusalem, Sun City of the twelve tribes of Israel, gives the remedy of joy, the assurance of restored kindred for the sorrow of soul loneliness. Israel, long since become Lo Ammi (not my people) to the Almighty Father-Mother Deity, is to become Ammi (my people) at the transfiguration and translation of the fulness of the Gentiles. Transformed by the renewing of their minds, the exalted Sign to the Gentiles will be to them the revelation of Abraham their Father, and of Jehovah as their Mother, the Savior of his Son of exceeding rich and precious promises—even Joseph and all his brethren infolded by CYRUS THE SHEPHERD and Stone of Israel. The prophets of old revealed Joseph's unfolding house descending through the lineage of Ephraim and Manasseh to be infolding Joseph. Notwithstanding Israel's (Ephraim's) appropriation by the nations, Joseph was yet the son of promise, to become Jehovah's Sign unto the Gentiles, and their Savior, transforming them as Israel, by a commercial exchange—value for value. "The stick of Judah in the hand of Judah," was to become one with the stick of Joseph in the hand of Ephraim. The hand (power) of Joseph is the science of commercial equity by which Cyrus, the antitypical restorer of Jerusalem, effects the antitypical circumcision, restored as all Israel to the land of promise.

The revelation of Abraham as the father of the multitude by the genuine sciences of ethnology and astro-biology, means the restoration of the divine patriarchal system of government. This institution leaves the children of the kingdom free and untrammelled to richly enjoy the all things of God. The divine patriarchal system places the earth Mother at the King's right hand in the throne of earth's dominion. The coming woman will represent earth's all-embracing resources to the children of men, for their continuance in the land of the living. To touch the earth as a free man of the Gods, is to rise at will to their dominion in the kingdom of heaven. To confess the divine Motherhood of the New Jerusalem now in the bosom of Abraham, and her right of dominion in earth, is to identify oneself with Israel and to be confessed as one of the multitude of Abraham's many sons to be re-gathered into the tribal relationships of Israel.

These tribal relationships include the only family ties regarded as sacred by the Almighty. To these all others must be made subordinate, and to these alone he gives eternal life as a known quantity and quality. These relationships maintain the eternal unit of the divine being of the universe, and they are made eternal by the continuous sacrifice of the Lord's life in the flesh, for the reproduction of the Holy Spirit of a holy life. This Spirit becomes the divine animus of the entire universe. It is primarily given to unite man with God and God with man, that man may know rest and be at peace with his fellows, all men being baptized by the one Spirit into one body.

This reuniting or retying of man to God, called the institution of a religion, is made necessary by the timic aspect of things due to the operation of the law of seed-time and harvest for the perpetuity of the universe. The heavens and earth wax old as doth a garment. The eternal verities of existence are enjoyed most by vivid contrast with the timic aspect of things visible and transient. Astro-biology, in its restoration to the world as one of the lost sciences regained for man by the God-given keys of knowledge, brings with it the possibility of lean-souled, hungry-hearted men being restored to the eternal royalty of the wealth and magnanimity of their original home of divinity and their nearest of kin worth claiming.

"In my Father's house are many mansions," proclaimed Jehovah the Savior of Abraham's seed forever. "Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come," cries Israel, the pilgrim and stranger in the wilderness of sin. "A city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God," a kingdom of heaven in earth, is the required answer to the prayer of lost Israel in the church militant. "If ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise," announces the Apostle to the Gentiles, the "sent" one of Him who declared to the soldiers of his cross, "I came not to send peace, but a sword." Throughout the age of the church militant, warriors there have been who have fought for the victory of the faith that they should live to *know* the *truth*, and by it be set free from the law of sin and death written in every member of their mortal bodies. Abraham was infolded in the holy Seed, his resurrection body possessing a living soul. This offspring of Mother Earth, a living soul, has become the Queen of heaven, and is the promised maternal life of all Israel. She is destined to give every Israelite indeed, form and function in her crown of twelve stars, represented by the twelve signs of the Zodiac of God's animal life, called the Tree of Life, for the production of twelve manner of men who can call Abraham their father and the New Jerusalem their Mother.

Jehovah, as the "first man Adam," whose name was called Jesus, fell as seed falls into the ground, to make fruitful the great womb of Nature for the reproduction of a man who could produce the Woman who should rejoice to see his day, exclaiming "I have gotten a man from the Lord," involving a grand manhood, a race of God's many sons. This new Woman is the New Jerusalem now descending to reappear as the Bride, the Lamb's wife, and in earth as the Mother of all living. The hope of the resurrection of Israel and of Abraham's heirship of the world, is not futile now that the science of religion is given to be a co-worker with human endeavor. This science solves the riddle of the Sphinx, and reduces the mysteries of the pyramids to entablatures of the science of the laws of cosmic form and function.

Abraham knew too well the strength and value of divine family love to weaken it by any violation of the laws of its perpetuity. He took the Almighty into his

counsels when he became the acknowledged heir of the world and the promised Fatherhood of its multitudes: Abraham communed with the God of all Nature till he knew her secrets and read the stars which proclaimed her divine origin and destiny, and he made himself subservient to her laws of divine being; under their dominion he rose to the acme of manly strength and beauty in the image and likeness of God.

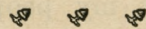
Abraham, by obedience to the laws of Astro-biology and the science of ethnic infiltration of the blood of all nations, controlled the stars of his destiny. Through them so controlled, he knew he would become the antitypical Father of Lights and the Sun of Righteousness. By the powers of divine wisdom he put forth his noble lineage from his loins as a royal progeny, a chosen generation. He knew this progeny, as lambs in his arms, would become in the order of law the seed of the woman, men in Christ the Savior of all races and ages. Abraham put forth the stars of humanity in groups and constellations, declaring the glory of God and foretelling the coming of the Sign of the Son of man as their infolding origin and the indicator of the destiny of all men.

The great cycle of God's animal life once expressed by the twelve patriarchs of Israel, and again by their representative reëmbodiments, the twelve Apostles of the Lord Jesus, finds its final and complete expression as the visible Arch-natural manhood of the twelve tribes, the order of Melchizedek. To this order Abraham, now serving as a Levitical high priest for the sons of conjunction, gives place in the final regathering and manifestation of the tribes. The tribes come confessing the divine Fatherhood of Abraham in Jesus the Christ of God, and the divine Motherhood of his immortal race in CYRUS, the Sun of Righteousness, the builder and maker of the New Jerusalem in earth. In this earthly City of the Sun shall the regathered tribes group as the longed-for brotherhood of man, restored to their Father-Mother Deity. From the manifest Motherhood as the solar plexus of their being, shall their lines go out to the ends of the earth to renew and replenish with their vitality the eternal cycle of God's animal life, and the home of his ever living soul.

The only living and true God is not a god "without body and parts." He is not an unknown and unknowable quantity. Koreshan Cosmogony finds him a man personally busy with plumb-line and level, determining for his mortal fellow men the form and functions of the universe, the laws of immortality, and the certainty of eternal life. Koreshan Astro-biology views him passing as the Sign of the fulfilment of his promise, "Lo! I am with you always" through all the constellations of the Zodiac, indicating the way of life and his progress in developing from age to age the broadening zone of his divine-human life till it comprehends all the possibilities and powers of the universe.

Koreshan Ethnology shows the red trail of the God-man's sacrificial love exercised by faith in the righteousness of the law of sin and death for the gathering of all things into one, to make of one self-cleansing blood all

the nations of the earth conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity. God would have all men to repent, to "taste and see that the Lord is good," and to know the joys of salvation from age to age of the countless ages of eternity, as ample compensation for all time's known sorrows.



THE SEVEN PLANES OF TRUTH.

Part I.—Mythology.

The Most Ancient Theology is Handed Down to Us in the Form of Myths; Mythos Shown to Correspond to Logos.

ELIZABETH ROBINSON.

THE GREAT ZODIACAL period of twenty-four thousand years, called Mazzaroth, has twelve lunar and seven solar periods. This Mazzarothic cycle is required to bring to a culmination the product of the energies of the motion of the entire cycle. There are seven planes of truth that correspond to the seven solar periods; and these seven planes of truth may be named as follows: (1) Mythology; (2) Astrology; (3) Architecture; (4) Government; (5) Sociology; (6) Philosophy; (7) Science.

If we refer to the Biblical record we read: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." But we have other records older than the Hebrew version, showing that in the age of Mythology, before the Hebrews were known, peoples lived and flourished with civilizations, with arts and sciences in advance of this age, which has been claimed to be of the highest type. That which has come down to us from prehistoric peoples and races has been termed Mythology, or traditions and legends; and it has been held that there is little if any truth involved; and that these myths were the special characteristic of those who had the least culture and the lowest civilization. Max Muller says: "There is this common feature in all who have written on Mythology, that they look upon it as something which, whatever it may mean, does not mean what it seems to mean; as something that requires an explanation, whether it be a system of religion or a phase of development in the human mind, or an inevitable catastrophe in the life of language."

The word mythology comes from the Greek *mythos*, which is identical with *Logos*. The Apostle John begins his gospel thus: "In the beginning was the Word [Logos], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." For this reason it would seem that Mythology holds the first place in the ladder of the seven planes of truth. The oldest theology comes to us in the form of myths, and gives to the study of Mythology great importance,—for it holds out the idea of a better time called the Golden Age, when the earth was the common property of man, producing spontaneously all things necessary for man's existence; selfishness, pride, competitiveness, etc., were obliterated; a state of innocence prevailed; and there is a promise of

the coming again of this period after the passing of the silver, brass, and iron ages.

Mythology has been termed fable changed to history; also, history changed to fable. What has been heretofore called fables can now be shown to be history; and that which has been called history of the most ancient peoples has been let down through so many degrees, that it seems only fable. It has been said that it was but an ignorant and childish spirit that conceived the Mythology of the Greek, Roman, and Scandinavian nations. Yet the records that have come to light through researches of Egyptologists and Assyriologists, show that thousands of years before these nations existed there was a developed Mythology of nations, whose civilization equaled if not surpassed that of modern times. The universal thought portrayed through discovered and excavated monuments, cylinders, papyrus rolls, etc., is that of a supreme or central governing power, with the male and female principles combined,—whether they are called heaven and earth, sun and moon, the different elements of Nature, or the gods of the different nations.

The oldest known races of the human family, of which there are any records produced through excavations, are the Accadians, who inhabited the lower regions, and the Sumerians, who inhabited the upper regions of the Tigris and Euphrates in Mesopotamia. These peoples lived before the time of the Babylonians and Assyrians, before the time of the advent of the warlike Semites into Babylonia. There was a recent discovery of tablets in Assyria. That which was written on them was in the Sumerian text, which antedates by some centuries the time when Abraham left Chaldea. These tablets are called "The seven Tablets of Creation." The word creator in the Assyrian is *Enuwa*, which means "formerly." The following extract is from the first tablet:

"When the highest Heaven was not named,
And the Earth beneath did not bear a name,
And the primeval Apsu (the deep) who begat them,
And Chaos, Tiamat, the Mother of them both,
Their waters mingled together;
Then were created the Gods in the midst of (Heaven)."

The Sumerian religion was an astral religion, and it largely influenced the Babylonians—as shown by their writings found in the library of an Assyrian palace, lately excavated. The Chaldeans, Babylonians, and Assyrians followed the Sumerians and Accadians; and the records found show their beliefs to have been of similar character. The Chaldean language continued to be the scientific language in which all tablets relating to mythology, astronomy, and science, as well as all historical and official records, were written, long after the Semites had become the rulers. The Chaldeans claimed for their founder, the god Alorus or Ur (meaning light); and the temple of the city of Ur was dedicated to Sin, the moon-god.

Asshur (reasoner), son of Shem, was the founder of Assyria. Later he was worshiped as a god; and the former kings all had *Asshur* attached to their names. The first of which we have any record was Asshur-Bel-

Nish-Esher. Nippur, a city in Babylonia (the gate of God), worshiped Bel, who was the sun-god. In the excavations in Assyria are found records that do not belong to them, but which have their gods', heroes', or kings' names inserted in the records of those whom they had conquered.

The Phœnicians' idea of creation was "a dark and windy air and a turbid chaos resembling Erebus," which "became enamored of its own first principles (the chaos); and thus was the beginning of the creation of things." The Chinese, who claim to have existed as a nation for thousands of years, say that "before this time there was another clear opening, heaven and earth; and before that even was the same, there being no beginning or ending. One world follows another as each day does the night, and man was generated by the transmutation of air."

The Babylonians say they were taught of things by Oannes (the fish-god); that there "was a time when there existed nothing but darkness, an abyss of waters, wherein resided the most hideous beings, which were produced by a two-fold principle; and that they had attributes of all the beasts. The person who ruled over them was a woman, Thalath, meaning the sea; and some interpret, the moon. Belus came and cut the woman asunder, forming heaven and earth, and destroyed the animals within her. Belus (or Jupiter) separated the heavens from the earth and reduced the universe to order, after which he cut off his own head; and the blood being mixed with the earth, brought forth man. He also formed the sun, moon, planets, and stars."

The Egyptians believed in Ra, the uncreated One; then in Osiris and Isis, the sun and the moon; and in the transmigration of souls; hence, their worship of Apis the bull, who was from "the cow who conceived from a spark from heaven"—the cow being the goddess of conception, the bull, the god who creates life. The Scandinavians have a similar mythology of creation—in the cow Andhumbla, licking the frost that had accumulated from the mingling of the sunlight and ice, the first portions of creation; and from this came Bari, father of Burr, father of Odin, the inventor of Runic writing.

Volumes could be written of these early mythologies. We have culled these from many, to show that however clothed may be the language, through all are the same truths—the involution of the seed and the evolution, parthenogenesis, the Golden Age, the declension, and the sacrifice, etc. And to these we may add the Biblical statement: "And God [the Gods] said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: * * Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam [earth]. * * And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."

If from the mouth of two witnesses (the Biblical and mythological) the truth is established, we may leave Mythology and proceed in our next article to Astrology.



In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY constitute powerful incentives to human endeavor. The spirit of exploration was not planted in the human heart for naught. Nature does not deceive those who are true to her; her messages to the sons of men are the revelations of herself. She loves to be searched out that she might disclose her purposes; for in the revelation of her mysteries are the very essential treasures of life. The spirit of exploration constitutes the potent force and substance of attainment of the final goal of high ambition or aspiration. The desire to obtain knowledge for the purposes of its use, is the desire to find the light that makes clear the relations of existing things. No age has so marked itself in the history of progress as the present. The Christian dispensation has been the age of searching-out. At its very beginning the injunction was to "seek, and ye shall find." The divine Spirit which entered the hauses of mortality, began its work of searching out the treasures of darkness. The spirit of Jesus the Christ not only began the creation of a new world, but also had a new world to discover. In due time the destined dove was sent across the Atlantic; Columbus was a special messenger of discovery. From the time he spread the news in Europe that a new land was reached, the work of geographical exploration has been prosecuted with vigor. But a small portion of the world remains unexplored. The heart of Africa has been penetrated; the wild plains of South America have revealed their secrets; the oceans have been traversed in every direction. Only limited areas surrounding the poles remain uninvaded by man; these may soon be accurately mapped; and then there may be a cry for more worlds to explore. Alexander the Great wept because there were no more worlds with which he was acquainted, to conquer. When the entire earth has been searched out, a feeling of limitation may be experienced by those who desire unreasonable expansion of the fields of research. Soon, too, it may be found that the telescope has given view to all the stars. Though the supposed Copernican world is large, it is but a very narrow field for the truth-seeker. The hollow globe of Koreshan Universology is vastly larger on the scale of possibility, of fruitfulness of discovery, and productiveness of greatest good. The physical cosmos is only 8,000 miles in diameter; but it so infolds and envelops itself as to contain more things in its heavens and earth than ever conceived by the most enthusiastic advocate of infinity of worlds. The wonders of Koreshanity are brought to the world when the limits of exploration of the old world are about reached. Worlds upon worlds are supposed to have been disclosed to man through the invention of the telescope; but there is so little known of those imaginary worlds as to make knowledge of them of no practical value to the world. The microscope has revealed wonders by the thousand where the telescope has shown one. The microscopic eye is the eye of the greater discovery. But there is still another eye that is more penetrating than all. It is the instrument of the greatest discoveries. It will yield the greatest blessings to humanity. It is the intellectual Eye of Deity in possession

of one man. It reveals not only a new physical world, the habitation of man, but also world upon world in the spiritual realms of the human race. Ages of exploration the spheres of human life lie before us. The Sons of God come down from the interior and manifest as Arch-natural Men, for the purpose of conducting the greatest work of exploration of all the spheres of activity. They will find and reveal more in a single brain cell than the modern explorer has ever seen on a continent. They will search out human worlds and spheres through and through. Wonder upon wonder, marvel upon marvel, they will find and disclose to man. Present efforts at discovery by modern so-called scientists are (compared with the work of exploration by the higher Genus), most insignificant. For today men are seeking to discover the source of life in amoebic forms of life, in the test-tube, in the sediment of the sea. The source of life is in the great God of creation, who appeared in the world nineteen hundred years ago in his completeness and perfection. In that one Man the microscopic Eye can perceive a perfect world, the microcosm; for he was the universe involved, even the Seed of all life. The discoveries of KORESH are the disclosures of the mysteries and marvels of the cosmos. Great and grand and glorious appears the universe under the light of Koreshan Universology, because which the Copernican fallacies sink into utter insignificance as the extreme narrowness of the world's darkest age.

A WRITER in the current *Cosmopolitan* asked a number of prominent Americans several questions relative to the acquirement and possession of millions of dollars, and views the answers received, under the head of "Are Great Fortunes Great Dangers?" One question in particular called forth interesting replies: "The wealth of several of our American capitalists is now conservatively estimated from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000. Can a man render his country or to mankind a service which will entitle him to so great a reward?" Some answered yes, and others no. The reply of Mr. Henry Clews is as follows: "The service of a man like John Hay to his country cannot be measured in dollars. The wisdom of such a man might prevent foreign war which would cost this Government billions of dollars and countless lives. Tuberculosis and catarrhal diseases are responsible for the suffering and death of a large minority of the population of this country. He who could discover a positive cure for or prevention of these two scourges would confer a benefit which would well be worth five hundred millions. He who could discover a practical method of irrigating and fertilizing the vast area of arid lands in the great West would be entitled to such a reward." This brings to the front, questions which the socialists seem to overlook in their advocacy of human equality. In the application of the doctrine of equality, Koreshanity sets forth the principles of equity. These principles are scientific and according to Nature, whose ultimate reward is always commensurate with the service rendered, and not in accordance with

any arbitrary scale. If we may grant that great service should be rendered to those who achieve great things in the lines of discovery, invention, and public service, what must be the reward of him who should discover the process of overcoming death, the secrets of creation, the truth of all things? The reward of such an one is no less than the entire world, for his inheritance is the universe and all it contains. The reward Jesus obtained was such a reward for service, for the rendering of which he was despised and martyred, but through which he rose triumphant to the possession of *all power* in heaven and in earth. His fortune was the greatest possible, but its possession is not inimical to the interests of humanity.

THERE is a clamor for foot-ball reform. It has so obviously bordered on savagery that many people want to see it abolished or civilized. The action of Harvard College is commendable; perhaps new rules will be enforced and the game so altered as to make it acceptable. But it is really a good thing that the character of foot-ball has been placed in such plain view. Perhaps the public will come to relate the spirit of foot-ball with the character of modern education. It seems that the elements of unrefinement must be in the schools. Perhaps the effete thought of the age finds gratifying expression in the savage college yell! Perhaps the spirit of competition, the rivalry of classes, is boiled down and made expressive through the scrambles incident to foot-ball! See the coarse conduct of the teams; the manifestation of brute force as the game progresses; the padded limbs and protected noses and ears; and hear the tumult of voices as the battle for the possession of the ball is waged! There is the world in miniature, a picture true to life. There is the essence of modern thought expressed, modern character portrayed unflinchingly. Verily, the scenes upon the foot-ball grounds are tangible cartoons, living caricatures, expressing and revealing the multiform effects of modern learning! Along with bull-fights, modern foot-ball may be classed; it is one of the terrible sports enjoyed by spirits akin to that of Nero, who reveled in excitement despite its cost to life and property. Foot-ball is distinctively a college game; it has had the encouragement of the greatest institutions of learning in America and Europe, and threatened to overrun and overrule even the faculty of many a university. Foot-ball may be reformed, but neither its reformation nor its passing will directly affect the character of what is taught in the college. There will soon be an outcry against all the other perversions of modern education.

THE AMERICAN House of Lords, commonly known as the United States Senate, has long been a problem. It is notoriously misrepresentative of the will and interests of the American people. The Senate constitutes one of the palpably weak places in the Government; for the membership of the Senate constitutes a veritable bar to movements in the interests of the people, a veritable dog in the manger. The Senate is to be made the special subject for investigation and "exposure" by a well-known modern writer, Mr. David Graham Phillips, who proposes to do to the Senate what Lawson and others are doing to Standard Oil and the

foremost insurance companies. The editorial fraternity of America is questioned specifically by the *Cosmopolitan* concerning their attitude toward the Senate. The editors are asked what they think of the senatorial misrepresentatives; if they should be permitted to remain in office; and should they be elected by the people directly? There are many people who believe that better times would prevail if senators were elected by the people, instead of by the state legislatures. Are the people's own electors any less subject to the all-powerful persuasive force of the corporations? Is the Senate the sole foul spot on the legislative map of the United States? Is not graft prevalent in nearly every department of the nation? The people are misrepresented in nearly every law-making body of the states and nation; and yet, as deplorable as are the conditions, strong as are the forces in favor of capitalism, we should not favor the violence of the mob as a remedy; neither should we expect reform to come without applying a focus of attention to the very heart and root of all modern evils—the love of money and its expression in the competitive system of the world.

GOVERNOR BROWARD'S scheme for drainage of the Everglades of Florida is now under vigorous opposition. The validity of the new law is attacked, and the United States Court is asked to enjoin the drainage scheme and to declare the law authorizing it null and void. The plaintiff in the action is the Southern States Land and Timber Company. Reasons given for the action seem plausible and sufficient ground for complaint. A principal basis is that the law is unconstitutional; and other grounds and reasons outlined are that tax is not imposed on lands in the drainage district, but on lands and properties which will not be benefited by the drainage scheme, and that right of way for canals, etc., for drainage has never been secured. It is likely that a strong fight will be put up against the drainage measure. Whatever may be the object of the land company in seeking to restrain the state executives from carrying out the scheme, we are glad that obstacles are in the way of its execution. We hope the opposition will be so effective as to absolutely prevent the destruction of the great natural wonder of Florida and of the world, for the benefit of such capitalists who may invest heavily in the undertaking and reap rich rewards on lines of graft and land grants. We have shown in past issues that to drain the Everglades would be to destroy the climate of Florida, extending the frost line to the Florida Strait. This valid and most vital ground for opposition to the drainage scheme is seemingly not advanced by the complainants in the above action; but we trust that if all else should fail, the public may be brought to realize the positive danger such an undertaking would be to Florida's climate, and to take proper action to prevent the dire results.

IT is NOT mere reform in business that is needed, but complete change in business, industrial, and commercial methods. The secular affairs of the world should be conducted on the basis of equity in accordance with the principles of love to the neighbor, and not on competition, which has led to corruption and graft.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

Remarkable Remarks of an Editor.

"Q.—I was surprised to be told today by a man, well educated and of scientific attainments, that he regarded the hollow globe theory of Dr. Teed as absolutely demonstrated. When I think of living in a shell twenty-four thousand miles in circumference, I feel stifled; and I should like to know if any one considered as authority supports this theory.

"A.—The hollow globe theory of Dr. Teed has not a single supporter who has even a rudimentary knowledge of astronomy. His system is the cant of insane ignorance, and scarcely deserves a passing notice. Yet it is not strange that people who believe in his religious rant, will also accept his idiotic views of the formation of the world. Every religious cult, or attempt at a religious cult, has had a cosmogony, and I do not know that his is more stupidly blind to the facts than many others. Our correspondent need not feel stifled, tucked away in the inside of the earth, for he surely stands on the outer rim of the world, and several thousand millions of miles of pure ether extend beyond him to the nearest star."—*The Progressive Thinker*, Chicago.

In the above remarkable production from the pen of the editor of the misnamed *Progressive Thinker*, we find the statement that "Dr. Teed has not a single supporter who has even a rudimentary knowledge of astronomy." The correspondent whom he answers states that he had found a man "well educated and of scientific attainments," who regarded the hollow globe as absolutely demonstrated. Well, that is one case against the blind guess of the editor, and is sufficient to show that he did not know what he was writing about, and would not, even if told in the plainest possible language.

Of course, the Koreshan Cosmogony is not supported by those who are considered as authority for the sheerest and merest hypotheses or guesses concerning cosmogony. We should not consider it very much of a support to be supported by them. No one will question the fact that Dr. Robert Woodhouse, the noted English mathematician and astronomer of Cambridge, stood high in the scientific world in his day. He is authority for a notable confession of the weakness of modern astronomy. He asserted that modern astronomy did not contain proofs of its accuracy. "Startling as this announce-

ment may appear, it is nevertheless true; and astronomy would indeed be helpless were it not for the implied approval of those whose *authority* is considered as a guarantee of its truth. Should this *sole refuge* fail us, all our arguments, all our observations, all our boasted accuracy would be useless, and the whole science of modern astronomy would fall to the ground." Who wants merely the implied approval of astronomers whose so called authority is considered as the guarantee of the truth of modern astronomy, and admitted to be its sole refuge? We do not. We have better support than such men could possibly give us.

If it were possible for us to learn anything from the above production from the advocate of spiritism and of undemonstrated and utterly fallacious modern science, we might learn that not a single Koreshan teacher or student knows even the rudiments of astronomy. The fault is not ours if we learn nothing from such a source; the fault is in the fact that nothing true is conveyed. Many readers of *THE FLAMING SWORD* would think it strange to be told that they "never went to school." Many would resent the statement that they are ignorant of astronomy as familiarly and generally taught in the world. Indeed, the teachers of Koreshan Universology would not fancy the suggestion that, after many years of particular study of astronomy, both theoretically from the best text-books and astronomical publications, and from personal and practical telescopic observations, the rudiments of astronomy had failed to find lodgment in their minds.

It is the man who thinks of modern science as settled and fixed truth beyond all possibility of overthrow, that does not know much about astronomy, neither the claims of astronomers,—who are more modest than many of those who blindly accept their mere guesses as demonstrated truth. The astronomers all know that their system rests upon *assumptions*, and that assumptions are liable to be proved false.

Many so called writers are very wordy when it comes to supporting

what is popularly held as true. Every man who has ever brought truth to the world has been considered by contemporaneous teachers as ignorant and insane, scarcely deserving a passing notice. Yet such a man always lives to see the downfall of his enemies and their so called systems. Scientific Babylon is no less doomed to destruction than the babel of confusion in modern theology.

Scientists' Conspiracy of Silence.

"I have recently read with much interest your book on the Cellular Cosmogony and would like to learn more of the experiments to substantiate the theory, and how the scientific world is receiving it. It seems strange that a fact so vital to the accepted theory as the concavity or convexity of the earth's surface, should not be definitely settled by the simple means of a Rectilineator or some similar device. Why do not investigators either endorse or disprove your conclusions?"

The consensus of all history of human progress is to the effect that the common people, not the teachers of old systems, first accept a new truth when presented to the world. The modern scientific men always consider it unprofessional to pay any attention to the views or claims of a man outside the ranks of recognized authority. "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" is a question asked in substance when a man in obscurity makes a discovery that is really vital to human progress.

It seems to many that men familiar with the subjects of science should be the first to turn their attention to the startling declarations of the Founder of Koreshan Universology. But the fact is they do not think it worth while; neither do they want his system proved true; and they will resist to the end any evidences, no matter how palpable, that modern astronomy is wrong. Do not their reputation and their income depend upon the popular support of their views? Teachers of old systems always stand *in the way* of truth. They unwittingly stand as bars to progress. They are satisfied with the forms of thought; and they are so constituted as to be unable to recognize genuine truth when it is presented.

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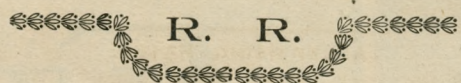
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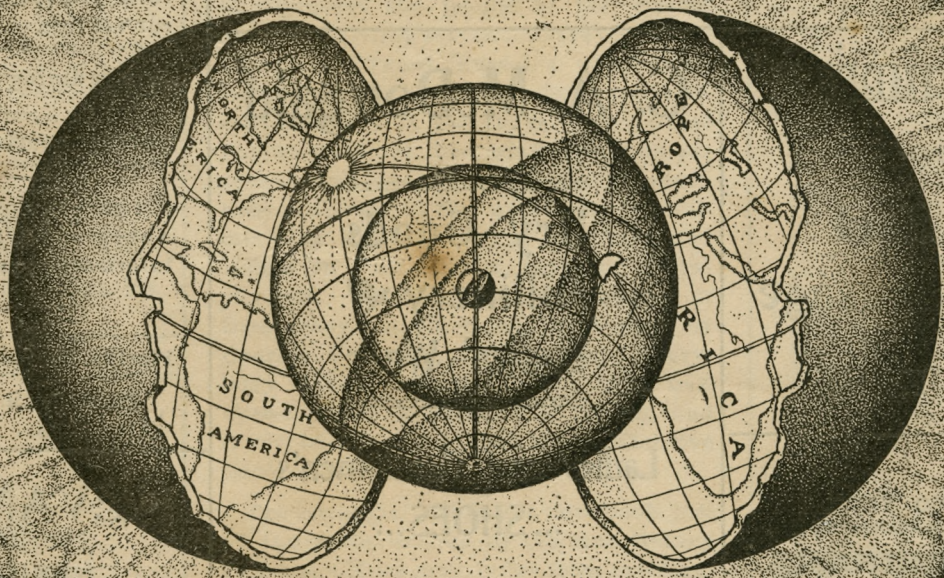
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